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Estimates of the year's wheat crop in the Pacific Northwest fix the probable yield at about 55,000,000 bushels, an increase by 15,000,000 over last year. This figure may not be reached if unfavorable conditions at harvest set in but with normal weather, it is believed the yield will be large. Recent rains have been of immense benefit to the growing crop. Districts where the grain was practically given up because of the continued drouth have taken heart again and the wheat is filling out in fairly good shape. The value of the rains of the past week to the wheat crop is variously estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000. Increased acreage in many sections of the state makes up in the total yield for a short crop in some districts. As wheat is still sticking around the dollar mark, Oregon's big wheat crop will mean a great prosperity for this section during the coming year.

Recent rains have also been of great benefit to the fruit crop. There has been a general drenching and hearts of the farmers are light as a consequence. With the exception of some loss to cherries and haw, no damage has been done by the downpour but incalculable good has been realized. Slight damage to cherries has been more than made up in the good to other fruit crops, such as prunes, pears and apples. Prunes have felt the benefit of the rain to a great extent and a large crop is looked for.

Oregon commercial men will be represented on a trade excursion to China next February. Coast cities have been invited by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai. Portland has decided to send representatives and it is expected that the visit will bring the Pacific Coast into closer touch with the Orient. This is the second such jaunt across the Pacific for Coast business men, Japan having been the host of a large party representing the Coast cities last Fall.

Southern Oregon alone expects to ship pears to the value of half a million dollars this season. From present indications, it is thought Southern Oregon will send away 500 cars of pears to the Eastern markets. The value of each carload is placed at \$1000, making the crop worth \$500,000. Other sections of the state will increase the value of the pear crop largely, making a very large total for this one great Oregon product.

Tillamook had a Fourth of July celebration worth while when the big feature of the day was an excursion over the first ten miles of the western end of the new Harman railroad, from Tillamook to the Miami River. The first passenger trains handled over the new line carried large crowds and all joined in celebrating the advent of the iron horse to Tillamook, something the inhabitants have patiently waited for years.

Salem's annual cherry fair last week was the most successful such event in the history of the Capital City. Not only was there a splendid exhibit of Salem's prize fruit and a good attendance of visitors but other features of the fair were excellent and attracted much attention. It was estimated that more than 30,000 people were in attendance.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Donahoe and O. B. Caldwell, electrical engineer of the P. R. L. & P. Co., were packed into the Hot Springs on Friday last by W. A. Jones, the liveryman. John Jones had charge of the pack. They returned on Monday.

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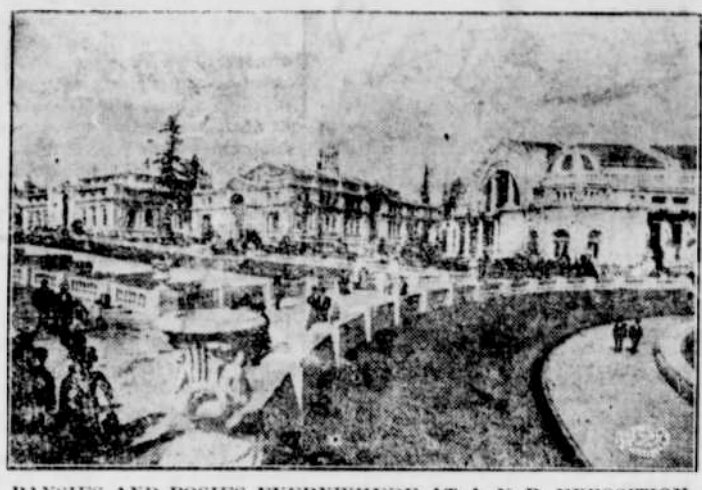
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Above Geyser Basin can be seen the banks of the Cascades, and around these are growing 100,000 rose bushes, so selected that there will be a rotation of blooms throughout the Exposition.

Historical incidents in the Pioneer Life in Clackamas County by "Emigrant"

(Continued from April 9th)

Mr. Philip Foster's place was quite a fashionable resort in the early day, where many weary, homeless men stopped for a time, after being in the mountains, or came there to work for wages as Mr. Foster had a large ranch for those days.

A fort was built near where the O. W. P. track crosses the land, and here was where Marguets, Howlets, Thomas Foresters, St Johns and others sought shelter during a raid on the white settlers by the Indians.

His nursery stock was the first in this part of the county and as at that date any kind of an apple tree would sell, most anything went. The old orchards still standing testify to this fact, except where budded or top-grafted later by others. What remained of the nursery stock was dug out in the year 1866 by a Mr. G. Epperson, who had taken a homestead on Sandy ridge. He helped to demolish the remains of the fort the same year in order to make way for a fine grain field. As Mr. Foster had some tame rabbits in the fort and they had multiplied so fast that they became too numerous, the destruction of it helped to get rid of the rabbits.

There was an old Indian, said to be one hundred years old, that used to visit Foster's place in an early day. Once while conversing with Mr. Foster he said that he could remember when Mt. Hood and Mt. St Helens had a toll bridge across the Columbia near The Dalles. At one time the two mountains disagreed over the division of the toll and got angry at each other, smoking terrible, finally they commenced to throw hot rocks and mud at each other till they became so "Hias Salix" that they tore the bridge down. Some say when the sun is just right, the water clear, trees can be seen at the bottom of the river in the narrow place where it is supposed once stood a natural bridge like the one in Virginia.

Mr. Philip Foster and wife lie side by side in the cemetery on an eminence overlooking the home place, to which they came when a young man and woman to conquer the wilderness, making a home and rearing their children, spending the best and greater part of their lives at Eagle Creek. It is but fitting that they lie there near the scenes of so many days of toil, till the great call comes which all shall hear and heed to.

The first school house built in this part was made of logs, as were the early school buildings, a small puncheon bench, made by hewing a small log on one side and boring holes in the other side putting in hazle or oak pegs for legs, on which the boys and girls sat and learned their lessons, and a table to be used by those that could write.

This building was used for a place to hold religious services in and when the old "Iron-side Baptists" would preach, as was their custom, the sermon was drawn out from one and a half to two hours, and sitting on those benches wasn't like sitting in an upholstered pew, by any means, yet it was endured to the end with good grace as there were few places of entertainment to go to. In later years the young folks from the Douglas settlement and Sandy ridge often met there in the evenings for an old fashioned spelling match. They would choose up sides and spell down till a late hour, then as all had ridden

How About a Cannery

Crop and fruit conditions are very favorable in the Garfield country. The farmers are just commencing to cut hay. The hay will not be up to the average on account of the dry period in June.

It is well sometimes for a business man, a farmer, or a community, to take stock of what they have so we want to mention that Garfield has the prospect of a good crop of fruit and while all the farmers who have fruit are not prepared to care for it in the manner they would like we name the following dryers located there: Edwin Bates, P. M. Wagner, B. Krigbaum, C. Krigbaum, G. Krigbaum, T. Huxley, and Ed. Linn. This makes seven dryers for Garfield and we understand that Mr. Lemon is building one, making eight.

It is to be deplored that every year large quantities of fruit go to waste for want of facilities to make use of it. Why not make an effort to locate a cannery that would use these fruits in jelly, preserves and canned goods? There is no trouble whatever to get rid of first quality fruit. There is always room at the top for more of it, but we cannot all raise first quality and so few of us are trying to, that we must make some effort to take care of the grades we do raise. There must certainly be more money in it than to make hog-feed. Give us your ideas and if we can help further any cause that will aid in calling attention to the farmer's needs in this direction we will be glad to serve you.

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Sabbath School 10 a. m.
 Preaching at 8 p. m.
 League 7 p. m.
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Church of Christ—Next Sabbath

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